

Public Notice of Application for Permit

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Public Notice Date: September 28,2005 Expiration Date: October 28, 2005

Reference: 200500517 Name: US Navy (Bangor)

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit in accordance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, for certain work described below and shown on the enclosed drawings.

APPLICANT: US Navy

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Silverdale, Washington 98315

ATTN: Commanding Officer, Naval Base Kitsap

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AGENT: Ms. Amy E. Burt

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LOCATION: In Hood Canal, Puget Sound near Silverdale, Kitsap County, Washington.

WORK: Construct pier, transfer span, and dolphins, and install a moored pontoon.

PURPOSE: To consolidate structures/operations for safety and efficiency.

MITIGATION: Conservation measures have been incorporated into the project including conducting the work when threatened species are less likely to occur in the project area; mooring the pontoon in deep water; use of sound attenuation measures when driving piling; constructing the pier at such a height to reduce shading impacts, and conducting the work in conformance with the Naval Hazardous Waste Management Plan and the SUBASE Oil and Hazardous Substance Spill Contingency Plan.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The US Navy, as the lead agency for ESA consultation, has consulted with the NMFS and the USFWS as required under Section 7 of the ESA. The US Navy determined that the project may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect Puget Sound Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), Hood Canal summer-run chum salmon (*O. keta*), Steller sea lion (*Ementopias jubatus*), southern resident population killer whales (*Orca orcinus*), Puget Sound bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*), the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), and the marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*). Concurrence was provided by the NMFS and USFWS in June, 2005.

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ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed action would impact approximately one acre of EFH for Pacific salmon, Groundfish, and Coastal Pelagic Species in the project area. The US Navy, as the lead agency, consulted with the National Marine Fisheries Services for a determination regarding EFH. The NMFS determined that the proposed conservation measures included as part of the proposed action to address ESA concerns are adequate to avoid, minimize, or otherwise offset potential adverse effects to EFH.

<u>CULTURAL RESOURCES</u>: The US Navy, as the lead agency for determining compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, has consulted with the State Historic Preservation Office. This public notice initiates consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR 800.4[a][3]), with any Tribe that has information or concerns with historic properties in the proposed permit area.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING:</u> Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the work. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

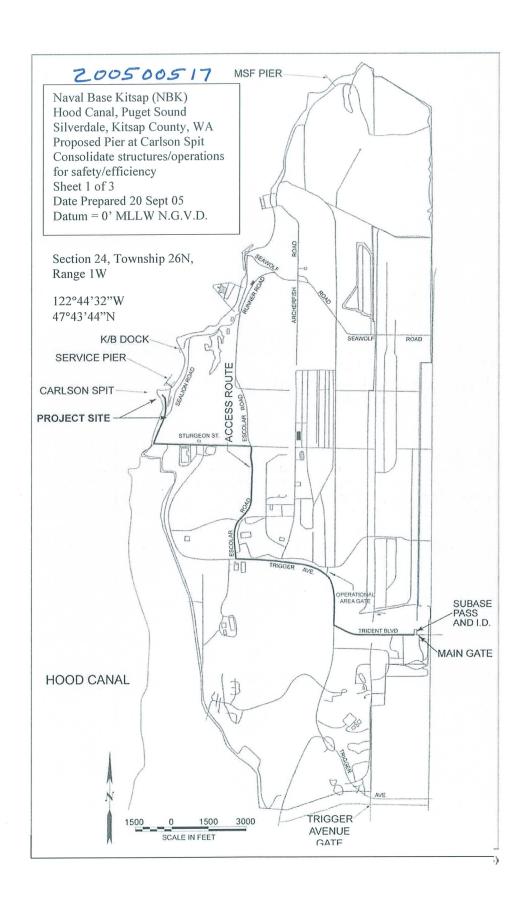
COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD: Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether it would be in the public interest to authorize this proposal. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the permit applicant's name and reference number as shown below. All e-mail comments should be sent to James.D.Green@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Post Office Box 3755, Seattle, Washington, 98124-3755.

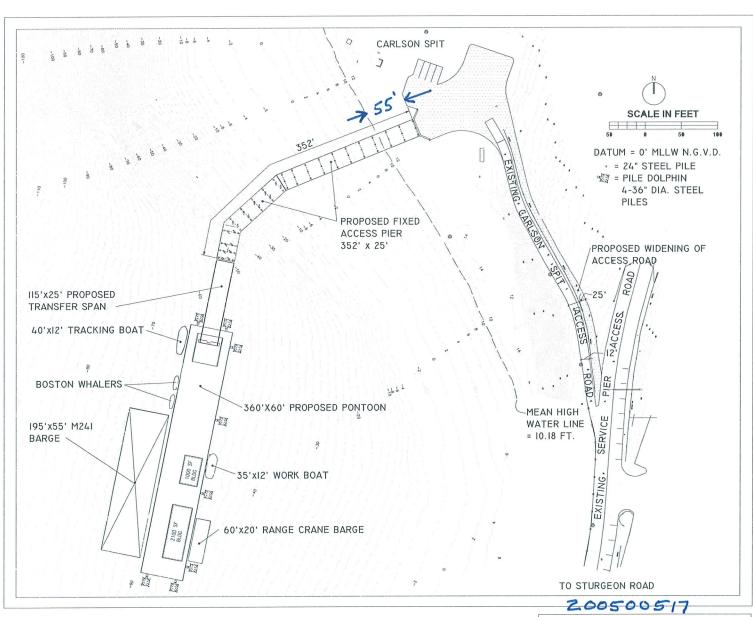
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Both conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commentor's name, address, and phone number. All comments whether conventional mail or e-mail must reach this office, no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration. Please include the following name and reference number:

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Drawings (3 drawings sheets)





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